

Dr. Andrews Residence  
Binghamton, New York

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Dr. Andrews House (Dobson Club)  
272 Washington Street  
Binghamton  
Broome County  
New York

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Location: 272 Washington Street, Binghamton, Broome County, New York.

Present Owner: Demolished during the 1930's.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Original and subsequent owners: Builder not ascertained. The house appears in a photographic reproduction captioned as the "House of Sergeant Hinds, Binghamton; built 1817. Now occupied by Dobson Club." (Seward, Wm. F. Binghamton & Broome County, a History, vol. 2, p. 390. Lewis Hist. Pub. Co., N.Y. & Chicago. 1924).
2. Date of erection: 1817.
3. Architect: unknown.
4. Builder, suppliers, etc.: At present nothing is known about "Sergeant Hinds." He might have been the builder or original owner. The 1866 Topographic Atlas of Broome County, p. 13, designates the property as #18 (E. side Washington Street), "E. Andrews" owner.
5. Original plans, construction, etc.: Unknown. Comment by the local architect, Elfred H. Bartoo, in Chapter XVIII of Seward's History of Broome County (cited above) vol. I, p. 319, 1924, follows:

"Undoubtedly the finest example of Colonial tradition is the building now owned and occupied by the Dobson Club at the corner of Washington and Lewis streets. Here is a facade of unusual grace and dignity, with its four tall Ionic columns supporting elliptical arches and surmounted by a well designed pediment." The building was torn down during the 1930's and not available for study. Unable to find any data about Dr. Andrews in local histories.
6. Alterations and additions: This building was dismantled during the 1930's and portions of it, including the front door and doorway, stairway and entrance hall, and possibly several mantels, were purchased by R. H. Macy & Company of New York City through their local purchasing agent for antiquities, Mable

Perry Smith (Mrs. Carl W. Smith). These with other local or upstate furnishings were assembled and re-erected within Macy's Stores, 34th and Broadway, New York, where they were placed on exhibition and advertised under the caption of "Ancestor House." Clement G. Bowers, who prepared this data, saw these exhibited in New York, recognized them as the former Dobson Club materials and verified their origin through Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

B. Sources of Information:

1. Old Views:

Seward, Wm. F. Binghamton and Broome County, New York: A History. vol. I, p. 319. Lewis Hist. Pub. Co., New York & Chicago, 1924.

Topographic Atlas of Broome County, p. 13, 1866.

C. Likely Sources Not Yet Investigated: Mrs. Carl W. Smith (Mabel Perry Smith) now lives at 1359 John Anderson Drive, Almond Beach, Florida. She might be able to add more details or documentation to this record.

Prepared by Clement G. Bowers  
Binghamton, New York  
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PART II. PROJECT INFORMATION

These records are part of the documentation of structures in the Southern Tier of New York State, undertaken by HABS in cooperation with the Broome County Historical Society and the Valley Development Foundation, Inc.

The project was under the general supervision of John Poppliers, Chief of the Historic American Buildings Survey. The historical material was prepared by Clement G. Bowers, June, 1963. The project was edited for deposit in the Library of Congress by Constance Werner Ramirez, June, 1973, and Eleni Silverman, Historian, HABS, in 1984.